

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension or	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate	)	
	)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Michael Brian Jones	)	
	)	
Certificate 221058	)	

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 11, 2006. On August 26, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Michael Brian Jones a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 221058 by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail. Mr. Jones received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Jones requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed, through his attorney, to waive his right to a hearing and to voluntarily surrender his certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Jones' certificate.

Michael B.  
Jones

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**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Jones holds a valid South Carolina educator certificate and began teaching in South Carolina during the 2004-05 school year in the Beaufort County School District. Mr. Jones originally applied for a South Carolina educator certificate on June 4, 2004, and the certificate was issued to be effective July 1, 2004. On his application for South Carolina certification, Mr. Jones indicated that he had never held an educator certificate in another state and that he had never had an educator certificate revoked. Following issuance of Mr. Jones' South Carolina certificate, the Department learned that Mr. Jones previously held an educator certificate in Kentucky, which was revoked on May

19, 2003, following allegations that Mr. Jones engaged in inappropriate conduct with students.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct, dishonesty and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Jones' certificate. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Jones may reapply for a South Carolina educator certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department, subject to a character and fitness review by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac  
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 11, 2006

I, Michael B. Jones, S.C. Educator Certificate 221058, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on January 11, 2006.

/S/ Michael B. Jones  
Michael B. Jones

1/06/2006  
Date